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TAGS: OVIP (ELLSWORTH, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ELLSWORTH TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: BELGRADE 5684

1. IN VIEW OF UNACCEPTABILITY OF NOVEMBER DATES FOR
ELLSWORTH-VEST VISIT AND AMBASSADOR TOON'S PREFERENCE FOR
A DECEMBER VISIT, STATE AND DEFENSE BELIEVE THAT YOUR VISIT
TO BELGRADE COULD FOLLOW THE BRUSSELS TRIP, THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 9. CONSIDERING EXPECTED EXTENSIVE PRE-DPC
PREPARATIONS, AND LIKELY BILATERALS INVOLVING SECDEF,
WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CONSIDER VISIT TO BELGRADE AFTER
DPC-NPG MEETING DECEMBER 10 AND 11.

2. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS SO THAT EMBASSY BELGRADE CAN FIRM UP
DATES WITH GOY.

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3. AMBASSADOR TOON EXPECTS TO BE IN BELGRADE FOR VISIT
IF ACCEPTABLE DATES IN DECEMBER CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. WE HAVE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITIES TO
VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA DIRECTLY FOLLOWING NPG, BUT
AMBASSADOR TOON FEELS THESE ARE NOT RPT NOT OVERRIDING
AND WE AGREE. KISSINGER

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